

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Jorge-Luiz Benine Penteado et al.

Application No.: 10/549,404

Confirmation No.: 1678

Filed: September 12, 2005

Art Unit: N/A

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For: SYSTEM AND PROCESS FOR DETECTING A  
LOAD OF CLOTHES IN AN AUTOMATIC  
LAUNDRY MACHINE

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE AND PETITION  
PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.497(d) TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP**

MS Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Defective Response mailed August 25, 2006, Applicants hereby submit a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.497(b) to correct inventorship of the above-identified patent application. As originally filed, the above-identified application names Andre Luis Martins, Thomas Carsten Gross, and Jorge Luiz Benine Penteado as joint inventors. The present petition seeks to remove Thomas Carsten Gross as an inventor.

The inclusion of Thomas Carsten Gross as a co-inventor of the subject material recited in the pending claims was made without deceptive intent. Accordingly, it is requested that Thomas Carsten Gross be removed as an inventor of the above-identified application.

The following documents are enclosed:

1. Statement of Inventor Being Removed pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.497(d)(1) and (3) signed by both Thomas Carsten Gross and the Assignee of record.

2. Check for \$130.00, for payment of Petition Fee as specified in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i).

In consideration of the foregoing it is respectfully requested that the Patent and Trademark Office amend the inventorship and issue a corrected filing receipt.

Dated: November 27, 2006

Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT OF INVENTOR BEING REMOVED**

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Dear Sir:

The above application was filed as the National Phase filing of International Application PCT/BR2004/000029, filed March 12, 2004, that listed as inventors:

- a. Andre Luis Martins
- b. Thomas Carsten Gross; and
- c. Jorge Luiz Benine Penteadó

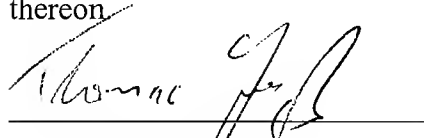
In the subject U.S. National Phase Application 10/549,404, Thomas Carsten Gross, being removed as an inventor, declares that:

I am being removed as an inventor in the subject application 10/549,404. I hereby state this error in inventorship in the International application occurred without deceptive intent on my part.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by



fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon

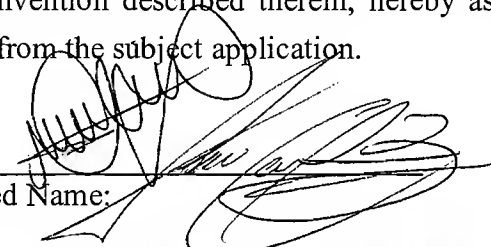
  
Thomas Carsten Gross

Date October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006

ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE

MULTIBRAS S.A. ELETRODOMESTICOS, assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to the above-identified application and the invention described therein, hereby assents or consents to the removal of Thomas Carsten Gross from the subject application.

Dated October 31, 2006

  
Printed Name:

Title: **EMERSON M. DO VALLE** João Carlos Costa Braga  
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